

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2005-246-C AND 2005-238-C - ORDER NO. 2005-670

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

IN RE: Docket No. 2005-246-C – Application of)	ORDER DENYING
Sprint Nextel Corporation for Approval of the)	MOTION, ALLOWING
Transfer of Control of United Telephone)	TESTIMONY, AND
Company of the Carolinas, Sprint Long)	APPOINTING HEARING
Distance, Incorporated and Sprint Payphone)	OFFICER AND
Services, Incorporated from Sprint Nextel)	HEARING EXAMINER
Corporation to LTD Holding Company.)	
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AND)	
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Docket No. 2005-238-C – Application of)	
Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold)	
Telecommunications Services, for Alternative)	
Regulation, and for Waiver of Certain)	
Commission Rules.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Sprint Nextel Corporation and Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated (together, the Joint Petitioners) to administratively approve the Applications in the two Dockets on an expedited basis. The Motion is denied.

Testimony has not yet been furnished in Docket No. 2005-246-C to explain the Application or to give this Commission a basis to either accept or reject it. Some testimony was filed in Docket No. 2005-238-C, but it did not fully explain the

Application before the Commission. Therefore, insufficient information was before this Commission to either accept or reject the Application in the second Docket.

Accordingly, we grant the Joint Petitioners ten days from their receipt of this Order to prefile original and/or additional direct testimony and/or exhibits in the two Dockets. To expedite the Joint Petitioners request, F. David Butler, Senior Counsel, is hereby appointed as Hearing Officer and Hearing Examiner in Docket No. 2005-246-C. Mr. Butler clearly complies with the qualifications for both offices as set out by statute and regulation. Mr. Butler is hereby directed to work with the parties in this case to expedite the handling of these Dockets.

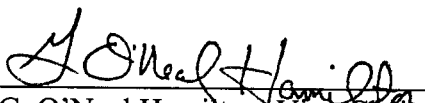
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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